(*b*) how many distributing agencies have been working during these years;
(*c*) how many of them were co-operative societies?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue):*
(*a*) 43,167 implements for Rs. 95, 662.
(*b*) 66.
(*c*) 21.

LANDING CRAFTS—INFORMATION REGARDING

148. മിസ്റ്റർ എം. കെ. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു് ബഹുമാന്യപ്പെട്ട ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു് സഭയെ മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു് വാങ്ങീട്ടുള്ള Landing crafts ഇപ്പോൾ എന്തെല്ലാം ആവശ്യങ്ങൾക്കാണു് ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നതു്;

(ബി) അവയെല്ലാം ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നതിനു പറ്റിയവയാണൊ;

(സി) ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നതിനു കൊള്ളരുതാത്തവ എന്തുചെയ്യുവാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നു?

റാവുസാഹിബു് കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ:

(എ) Landing craftsകൾ ഭാഗികമായി ഉപയോഗിക്കുവാൻ തുടങ്ങീട്ടില്ല. സാമാനങ്ങളും ഇഞ്ചിൻ മുതലായ മരസാധനങ്ങളും ആവശ്യംപോലെ കൊണ്ടുപോകുവാൻ ചില സ്റ്റേഷനുകളിൽ ഉപയോഗിച്ചുവരുന്നുണ്ടു്.

(ബി) അതെ.

(സി) ഉത്തരം ആവശ്യമില്ല.

RETAIL SHOPS—RUN BY THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES

149. Mr. P. A. Muhammed Ashroff *(Cranganur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of licensed retail shops in the Food Supplies Department as on 30th Kanni 1122;

(*b*) the total number of licensed retail shops owned or run by each of the various communities?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*
(*a*) 1,168
(*b*)

Nayar	158
Tamil Brahmin	34
Ezhuva	204
Pulaya	2
Other Hindu	95
Other Hindu (Backward or Depressed)	39
Romo Syrians	266
Latin Christians	83
Other Christians	130
Muslims	104
Jew, Anglo-Indian, etc.	5
Run by Institutions like Co-operative Societies, etc.	48
Total	1,168

ILLEGAL STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS—STEPS TAKEN FOR PUNISHMENT

150. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) the total number of illegal strikes that have taken place in the State in 1121;
(*b*) the total number of illegal lock-outs that have taken place in the State in 1121;
(*c*) whether any steps were taken to punish:-
1. those responsible for illegal strikes;
2. those responsible for illegal lock-outs;
(*d*) if the answers are in the affirmative, please give the names of those who were punished and also the nature of punishment given?

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Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*:

(*a*) 2.

(*b*) 2.

(*c*) 1. No.

2. Yes.

(*d*) The Manager of the Alliance Industries,, Trippunittura, Mr. S. Vinayagom, is the party responsible for the illegal lock-out. A case has been launched against him in the Second-class Magistrate's Court, Ernakulam. The case is pending disposal in that Court.

EXTRA SUGAR SUPPLIED—ENHANCEMENT OF PRICE

151. മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. എൽ. കുഞ്ഞുവറിയു": താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു" ബഹു മാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടു" സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) സ്പെഷ്യൽ പെർമിറ്റിന്മേൽ കൊടുക്കുന്ന പഞ്ചസാരക്കു" ഇരട്ടി വില വസൂലാക്കും എന്നു ചില പത്ര റിപ്പോർട്ടുകളിൽ കണ്ടതു ശരിയാണൊ;

(ബി) ആയതിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം എന്താണു"?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ:

(എ) അതെ. സ്പെഷ്യൽ പെർമിറ്റിന്മേൽ കൊടുക്കുന്ന പഞ്ചസാരക്കു" ഇരട്ടി വില വാങ്ങിക്കുന്നുണ്ടു".

(ബി) സ്റ്റോറിലേക്കു" അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള കോട്ട വളരെ ചുരുക്കമാകയാൽ അതിന്റെ വിലവു കൂറക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടിയാണു".

III. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Mr. President: I have received five notices of motions to adjourn the business of the House from Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan. The first one asks the Government to extend for a week the period allowed in His Highness' recent Proclamation for the deposit under, the recent amendments to the Verumpattomdars Act. I ask the Honb'le Member to satisfy me whether this a specific matter of urgent public importance.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Sir, the Proclamation gives time for the deposit of the amount till the 22nd Makaram which expired yesterday. The condition of the agriculturists, the Verumpattomdar of the State being what it is, so very well known —immersed in poverty—he puts off he is constrained to put off the payment to the very last day on which date he may by some method succeed in paying. That has been observed in various other cases also. In this case, the 22nd, the last day for the payment, that is Tuesday, was a holiday, all too suddenly declared as a holiday—21st the preceding day declared a holiday, more suddenly and the previous day Sunday again a pubilc holday, so in all the last three days unfortunately became holidays to the detriment of the unfortunate tenants. I know for a fact, Sir, that on Monday very many verumpattomdars, as far as Vadakkancheri Munsiff's Court is concerned, turned up for depositing amounts. I am aware of the rule that when the last day for the purpose of an application is a holiday, the thing could be done on the next working day, but I am also aware of certain rulings of the High Court which has interpreted that special enactments and proclamations which are necessarily of a special nature themselves have to be strictly construed and these ordinary rules may not be applicable to them. That being so, and the case of the verumpattomdar being such a miserable one, to be on the safe side, my prayer through the adjournment motion is that the Government may be pleased graciously to extend the time only for a few days so that he may not suffer from things over which he had absolutely no control. The urgency arises like that and the importance is so well-known that it requires no explanation and the misery of the tenant is the ground on which I place this matter to be discussed as adjournment.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: The point raised by the Hon'ble Member for Vadakkancheri is that because the last day for the deposit of the amount under the

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